

IN THE CLAIMS

129. (Currently Amended) A handheld ~~apparatus including~~ computer device comprising:

a hardware interface ~~to be connected~~ attachable to ~~[[a]] the~~ handheld computer device and ~~[[to]]~~ couplable with at least one attachable sensor, the at least one attachable sensor to perform data acquisition when attached to the hardware interface and be programmable by the handheld computer device;

a data module to interact with the sensor and with the handheld computer device; and

a display module to display data collection results on a display of the handheld computer device, the display module ~~including~~ providing a user interface to allow users of the handheld ~~apparatus~~ computer device to interact with the handheld ~~apparatus~~ computer device during the data acquisition.

130. (Canceled)

131. (Canceled)

132. (Canceled)

133. (Currently Amended) The ~~apparatus~~ device of claim 129 further comprising a memory module to store data supplied by the at least one sensor.

134. (Currently Amended) The ~~apparatus~~ device of claim 129 wherein the data module further configured to calibrate the at least one sensor.

135. (Currently Amended) The ~~apparatus~~ device of claim 129 further comprising an alert module to notify a user of the ~~apparatus~~ device of an event based on data provided by the at least one sensor.

136. (Currently Amended) The ~~apparatus~~ device of claim 129 further comprising a power source.

137. (Currently Amended) The ~~apparatus~~ device of claim 129 wherein the at least one sensor
 [[is]] comprises a sensor for assessing chemical composition of a liquid sample.

138. (Currently Amended) The ~~apparatus~~ device of claim 129 wherein the at least one sensor
 [[is]] comprises a sensor for monitoring athletic activity.

139. (Currently Amended) The ~~apparatus~~ device of claim 129 wherein the at least one sensor
 [[is]] comprises a sensor for detecting acceleration changes.

140. (Currently Amended) The ~~apparatus~~ device of claim 129 wherein the at least one sensor
 [[is]] comprises a sensor for detecting light.

141. (Currently Amended) The ~~apparatus~~ device of claim 129 wherein the at least one sensor ~~comprises~~ comprises a sensor for detecting temperature.

142. (Currently Amended) The ~~apparatus~~ device of claim 129 wherein the at least one sensor ~~comprises~~ comprises an analog sensor.

143. (Currently Amended) The ~~apparatus~~ device of claim 129 wherein the at least one sensor ~~comprises~~ comprises a digital sensor.

144. (Currently Amended) The ~~apparatus~~ device of claim 129 wherein the data module includes an analog-to-digital converter.

145. (Currently Amended) The ~~apparatus~~ device of claim 129 wherein the data module processes the data prior to display of the data collection results on the display.

146. (Currently Amended) A handheld apparatus comprising:

a handheld computer device;

an attachable sensor to perform data acquisition; and

an adjustable module ~~connected~~ attachable to the handheld computer device and ~~[[to]]~~ couplable with the sensor, the adjustable module processing data received from the sensor and ~~causing displaying~~ causing the data to be displayed on a display of the handheld computer device, the sensor to perform data acquisition when connected to the adjustable module and be programmable by the handheld computer device; ~~and, the display presenting~~ and, the display presenting a user interface

~~connected to the handheld computer device, the user interface~~ allowing users of the handheld computer device to interact with the handheld computer device during the data acquisition,
wherein when the adjustable module is attached to the handheld computer, a combination of the adjustable module and the handheld computer has a handheld size.

147. (Canceled)

148. (Canceled)

149. (Canceled)

150. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 146 wherein the sensor is an analog sensor.

151. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 146 wherein the sensor is a digital sensor.

152. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 146 wherein the adjustable module includes an analog-to-digital converter.

153. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 146 wherein the adjustable module further calibrates the sensor.

154. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 146 wherein the adjustable module further generates graphical representation of the data received from the sensor.

155. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 146 wherein the adjustable module further directs the sensor to change data collection features of the sensor based on at least one user instruction.

156. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 146 wherein the adjustable module further alerts a user of the apparatus of an event based on data received from the sensor.

157. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 146 wherein the sensor is a sensor selected from a group including a temperature sensor, an acceleration sensor, a radiation sensor, a chemical sensor, a biological sensor, a weight sensor, a bar code sensor, an inventory tag sensor, a motion sensor, an infrared sensor, a pH level sensor, a heart monitor sensor.

158. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

receiving data from an attachable sensor connected to an attachable device, the attachable sensor performing data acquisition when connected to the attachable device, wherein the attachable device is ~~connected~~ attachable to a handheld computer device, and the attachable sensor is programmable by the handheld computer device, and wherein when the attachable device is attached to the handheld computer, a combination of the attachable device and the handheld computer has a handheld size;

processing the data at the attachable device;
allowing users of the handheld computer device to interact with the handheld
computer device during the data acquisition; and
providing results of the processing to the handheld computer device for display.

159.(Currently Amended) The method of claim 158 wherein [[the]] processing the data includes generating graphical representation of the data.

160. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 158 wherein [[the]] processing the data includes converting the data into digital form.

161. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 158 wherein [[the]] processing the data includes determining whether an event occurs.

162.(Previously Presented) The method of claim 161 further comprising generating an alert signal to display at the handheld computer device if the event occurs.

163.(Previously Presented) The method of claim 158 further comprising calibrating the sensor based on at least one instruction of a user.

164.(Previously Presented) The method of claim 158 further comprising annotating the data based on at least one instruction of a user.

165. (Previously Presented) The method of claims 158 further comprising changing options of the sensor based on at least one instruction of the user.

166. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 165 wherein the options include sampling rates.

167. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 165 wherein the options include a scale of measurement.

168. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 165 wherein the options include measurement units.

169. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 158 further comprising changing display of the data based on user actions.

170. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 169 wherein the user actions are provided via a set of controls of the handheld computer device.

171. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:

means for receiving data from an attachable sensor connected to an attachable device, the attachable sensor performing data acquisition when connected to the attachable device, wherein the attachable device is ~~connected~~ attachable to a handheld computer device, and the attachable sensor is programmable by the handheld computer device, and wherein when the

attachable device is attached to the handheld computer, a combination of the attachable device and the handheld computer has a handheld size;

means for processing the data at the attachable device;

means for allowing users of the handheld computer device to interact with the handheld computer device during the data acquisition; and

means for providing results of the processing to the handheld computer device for display.